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FORCE REPORT

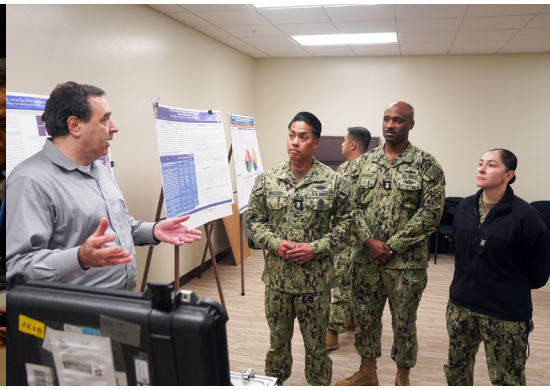
17TH FORCE MASTER CHIEF PATRICKPAUL "PaP" MANGARAN
DIRECTOR OF THE HOSPITAL CORPS

The recent unveiling of the USNS Bethesda (EMS-1), a cutting-edge addition to the Bethesda-class of Expeditionary Medical Ships, marked a significant milestone in the realm of healthcare delivery in austere environments. The distinguished presence of Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Carlos Del Toro, Rear Adm. Darin Via, Navy Surgeon General, Maryland Governor Wes Moore, and First Lady Dawn Moore underscored the importance of this groundbreaking vessel in providing hospital-level care where it's needed most.

Immediately following that event, I attended the Surface Navy Association's (SNA) 36th National Symposium where I was invited to be a resource speaker during the Sailor Development and Readiness discussion on Mental Health and how it impacts our readiness as a warfighting force. As I look back on my journey in the Navy from a young Sailor to the senior enlisted ranks, I am still amazed at how I was able to navigate through many storms and challenges to get to where I am today. The only way I was able to survive those storms was because, during my times of crisis, I knew that I could always run to my, WCS, LPOs, and Chiefs for good counsel; they truly are our embedded mental health counselors.

We capped off the busy month with a visit to Naval Medical Forces Support Command (NMFSC) headquarters at Joint Base San Antonio, Fort Sam Houston, TX. While at NMFSC we attended a series of briefs from its subordinate commands: Naval Medical Leader and Professional Development Command; Navy Medicine Operational Training Command; and Navy Medicine Training Support Center (NMTSC) detailing their mission and capabilities while at the same time outlining areas of concern that needed our assistance. Continuing our engagements, we met with the leadership and academic staff of the Defense Health Agency's (DHA) Medical Training and Education Campus (METC), where they showcased over 48 academic

programs that produced 16,500 graduates annually, highlighting the comprehensive approach to medical training and education within the Navy. Our last stop was NMTSC, starting with a series of discussions with leadership to address critical issues such as barracks occupancy and quality of life for students. Following that comprehensive briefing, we were treated to a tour of NMTSC facilities, recognizing the pivotal role of initial training in shaping future medical personnel. Going through those classrooms, and meeting the students and staff took me back to my days when I was an instructor at Naval Hospital Corps School Great Lakes. Finally, we also had the opportunity to witness the recognition of a few members of the NMFSC CPO Mess by U.S. Rep. Tony Gonzalez (TX-23) who awarded them with certificates of appreciation for serving as funeral detail for a former Shipmate when no one else would.



Another notable aspect of our trip was a visit to Naval Medical Research Unit (NAMRU) San Antonio's Tri-Service Research Laboratory, where we witnessed groundbreaking research aimed at improving combat casualty care and operational readiness for DoD personnel. This tour emphasized the Navy's commitment to innovation and readiness in supporting our Sailors, Marines, and allies worldwide.

As we navigate the storms and challenges of the coming year, we remain steadfast in our commitment to excellence and operational medical expertise, guided by the Surgeon General's Lines of Effort. Together, we uphold the highest standards of medical care, ensuring that our Navy delivers a power for peace, but is always postured and ready to fight and win!

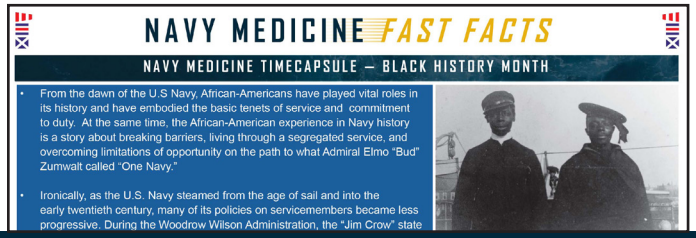
As always, stay motivated, stay hydrated, change our socks…

CAREER COUNSELOR CORNER

United States Naval Community College

The United States Naval Community College (USNCC) was introduced to support enlisted Sailors and Marines in achieving professional certificates and associate degrees that will enhance operational readiness and improve warfighting capabilities, while putting students on a path to lifelong learning. Click HERE for more information.

My Navy Assignment OBLISERV process update



NAVY MEDICINE FAST FACTS

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This document serves as a comprehensive and engaging resource showcasing the diverse career paths, impactful contributions, and unique culture of Navy Medicine. Fast Facts highlights the outstanding achievements and contributions of Navy Medicine personnel and serves as a reference to succinctly communicate the Navy Medicine mission and priorities. Download the latest issue HERE

NAVY MEDICINE PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Public Affairs Guidance - Data makes us credible; Stories make us memorable

DO:

- Leverage your Public Affairs team to support Surgeon General's 4 LOEs
- Be *proactive* in communication efforts
- Plan and participate in community outreach
- Prep for the engagement and understand the context and motivation of the interviewers
- Understand the political implications of the Q&A
- Keep the answers honest, simple, and direct
- Be solution rather than problem-centered
- Punt to staff for facts, figures, and details if needed

DON'T:

- Speculate. It's ok to say "I don't know" or "I will get back to you"
- Go off-script if there are political implications
- Get drawn into arguments
- Evade responsibility if things are controversial
- Don't repeat the negative – respond with prepared messaging

REMEMBER:

- You are *always on-the-record*
- Not every question deserves an answer
- We are all Navy recruiters

In any public opportunity, engage, educate, inform, and showcase Navy Medicine

RESERVE AFFAIRS

TRANSITIONING CORPSMEN:

Do you want to do something new with a different NEC? Consider the Navy Reserve. There are MANY opportunities and RC affiliation/SRBs available. Contact your CCC for more information.

The Navy announced changes to the initial 8 year Military Service Obligation (MSO) in NAVADMIN 303/23. The message announced any portion of which that is not completed on Active Duty or Active Duty for training must be completed in the Reserve Component. All new contracts executed on or after 1 October 2020 for Sailors under a 4 year Active Duty service obligation were written to include a minimum of 4 years Active Duty, followed by up to 2 years of SELRES service, and 2 years of Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) service to reach the required 8 years total.

SELRES HM OPPORTUNITIES:

- Current Policy: Accession Bonus of **$20,000.**
- Tiered SRB up to **$20,000.**
- Ability to select RC NEC billets outside of what their current NEC may be – ability to do something new and earn a new skill.
- Different Rate if desired, but we are advocating for HMs.
- For more information cGreat opportunities to advance as a RC HM, ontact your Command Care eer Counselor or visitspecially E7-E9 over the next 3-5 years MyNavyHR.Na. vy.Mil
- Opportunities to be a part of the transformational change in platforms with the EXMEDs and TAHs.
- Other great opportunities across other BSOs.
- Mobilization Orders to desired location
- For more information contact your Command Career Counselor or visit MyNavyHR.Navy.Mil

MESSAGE FROM THE DETAILERS

Message from HM Detailer PERS-407

Please route all HM Community 1306s with valid CO designated signature and accompanying printed/stamped signature block to askmncc@navy.mil only vice 1306P407 to ensure processing in a timely manner.

HM 0000/L03A, please apply for jobs that meet your current pay grade only. NO one up one down.

Although we are a Shore intensive rating, we are still encouraged to start and maintain a “Sea/Shore rotation”. The Sea/Shore flow guidelines are on the HM ECM website.

There has been an influx of calls right after submitting applications in MyNavy Assignment. If your applications were submitted successfully wait for results to post, before contacting your detailer.

Review the new NAVADMIN 276/19 on detailing guidelines.

Message from PERS 4013 Specialized Placement

We would like to welcome our new Specialized Placement Lead, HMCS(FMF/SW) Ret. Steven Roest. Mr. Roest served in the U.S. Navy for 24 years as an Aviation Medical Technician. After his military retirement he joined the Navy Personnel Command (NPC) team in 2016 working in PERS-4013 NEC section and has since served in different positions within the NPC enterprise.

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Phone Number: 901-874-4479

Our newest addition to PERS 4013 HM Placemen/Rating Evaluator team is HMC(FMF) Dennis Marin. He is joining us from 3D MLR in Hawaii. He will be taking over as the Placement Coordinator for Naval Medical Forces Atlantic.

Email: dennis.marin@navy.mil

Phone Number: 901-874-4389

HMC(FMF) Vilma (Vee) Rudolph has shifted roles and is now serving as the Placement Coordinator for BSO-27.

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Phone Number: 901-874-4504

Encourage commands to do more NEC career fairs. This could potentially yield more fleet returnees committing to C-schools opposed to the vast majority of Sailors coming directly from A school.

NEC SPOTLIGHT

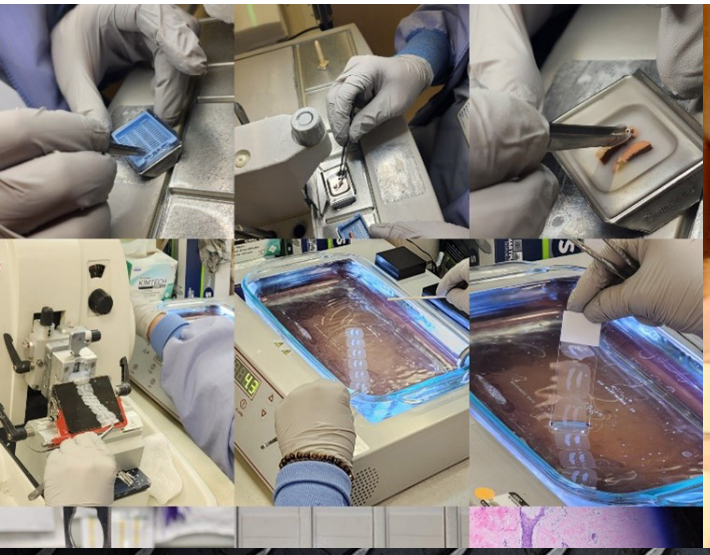
HISTOPATHOLOGY TECHNICIANS - L30A

Histopathology Technicians, also known as histologic technicians or histologists, they play a crucial role in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases by turning tissue samples into microscope slides through the stages of processing, embedding, staining, and mounting.

Histology technicians combine art with science while operating precision equipment and work with a variety of dyes and chemicals to make tissue abnormalities visible with a microscope.

Most histology technicians in the U.S. Navy (Navy COOL) become certified through the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) and practices under the credentials of HT (ASCP).

- Strong fine motor skills
- Incredibly detail oriented
- Knowledge of biology, chemistry, anatomy, physiology, and medical terminology
- Obligated Service of 5 years
- STAR program reenlistment



COMMAND IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Naval Aerospace Medical Institute (NAMI)

Located onboard NAS Pensacola, FL, NAMI is the naval aviation's sole-source for aeromedical personnel training. A team of more than 100 active-duty officers, enlisted and civilian personnel provide Fleet support through aviation personnel screening, evaluation and consultation services, hyperbaric medicine support, and care of repatriated prisoners of war (RPOW) through the Robert E. Mitchell Center (REMC). The clinical team consists of aerospace medicine SMEs which combined includes hundreds of years of experience across a broad spectrum of specialties to include: Internal Medicine, Neuropsychology; Obstetrics and Gynecology, Neurology, Ophthalmology, Hyperbaric medicine, Psychiatry, Optometry, Psychology; Ear, Nose and Throat.

Customized and task organized to provide, Residency in Aerospace Medicine in addition to Aeromedical Officer Course, Flight Medic (SAR Med Technician/CASEVAC)(L00A), Aerospace Medicine Technician (L04A), Aerospace Physiology Technician (L07A) and Joint Enroute Care Course (JECC) year around, NAMI additionally collaborates with agencies such as Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center, BUMED and Fleet medical leaders to provide research evidence relevant to the Fleet.

Mission

Train aeromedical personnel for operational assignment and requirements. Develop, validate, apply and administer aeromedical standards for Naval Aviation. Provide aeromedical technical, professional and consultative support services and operational support for high risk training in the Pensacola AOR via recompression chamber watch.

Vision

Excellence in education, to train medical professionals to be confident and contributing members of high functioning teams.

BRAVO ZULU JOB WELL DONE!

HM1 ASHLEY BARKER

Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Bethesda Detatchment, Md.

HM1(FMF) Ashley Barker, Navy Medicine Accessions Department, Tuition Section, completed 300 contractual procurement requests for 1.2K Sailors in 4 NAVMED accession programs across 260 schools valued at over $73M with zero discrepancies. She oversaw the completion of 400 ADT orders for HPSP students valued at $5M while impacting her team by raising the medical readiness by 30% for 1.5K students. She filled a gapped billet as the Health Service Loan Repayment Advisor and executed $350K in loan repayments to maintain critical healthcare billets. Her efforts to continuously support Navy missions and foster a culture of excellence has resulted in her selection for Direct Commission through MSC-IPP FY24 as a Healthcare

HM2 JESUS VALDEZ

3D Marine Littoral Regiment, 3d Littoral Anti-Air Battalion

Directly advises 37 Marine Corps Officers, 16 junior Sailors, 1 Battalion Surgeon & the Senior Enlisted Leader in the daily task of providing health service support, field coverages and operations to 320 Marines. His accomplishments include but are not limited to aligning 3d Littoral Anti-Air Battalion with pre-deployment training requirements as outlined in the T&R manual on 1000/2000 level trainings. Coordinated with Battery Commanders and Senior Leadership to facilitate 5 TCCC-ASM courses for 195 Marines; efforts increased combat readiness by 65% and improved lifesaving capabilities while Forward Deployed and in garrison.

As Battalion CDT his efforts contributed to 5 MAP/NWAE promotions, scheduled all qualified junior Sailors for perspective ELD in accordance with Navy guidelines resulting in 100% compliance. Organized 3 reenlistments, and implemented training to capture recent NAVADMINs released, CANTRAC usage, and LADR milestones resulting in increased retention and knowledge in Sailor centric programs.

A certified Valkyrie and Combat Life Saver Instructor, Secretary for the SCPOA, and Sponsor for Dole Middle School. Currently in pursuit of his Associates Degree and has 355 hours of community service rendered.

It is with honor to nominate HM2 Valdez for a JOB WELL DONE!

FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS

HM1 AYSON MARKJEFFREY C
HM1 AGUINALDO ARVIN
HM1 HULL CLETIS CHARLES JR
HM1 BERNARD RICHARD GERALD
HM1 CANTIGA ELIJA BANDE
HM1 HIGGS JASON ELIJAH
HM1 STOUDEMIRE NAKETA LASHAWN
HM1 SCHUMACHER BRIAN JOSEPH
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HM1 BARRETT SCOTT THOMAS

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HMC DOWDEN ADRIANE MICHEL
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HMC SAXTON MELYNCHOLI ROSE
HMCS DELAPAZ JESSICA ELIZABETH
HMCM BORJON REYMUNDO JR

For many years these Sailors stood the watch.
While some of us were in our bunks at night these Sailors stood the watch.
While some of us were in school learning our trade these shipmates stood the watch.
Yes.. even before some of us were born into this world these shipmates stood the watch.

In those years when the storm clouds of war were seen brewing on the horizon of history these shipmates stood the watch. Many times they would cast an eye ashore and see their family standing there, needing their guidance and help, needing that hand to hold during those hard times but they still stood the watch.

They stood the watch for twenty years or more. They stood the watch so that we, our families and our fellow countrymen could sleep soundly in safety, each and every night, knowing that a Sailor stood the watch. Today we are here to say, Shipmates the watch stands relieved. Relieved by those you have trained, guided, and led. Shipmates you stand relieved.

WE HAVE THE WATCH

FALLEN, BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN

Hospital Corpsman Second Class Xin Qi

25, of Cordova, Tennessee, died January 23, 2010, while supporting combat operations in Afghanistan. Doc Qi was assigned to 4th Light Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, Marine Expeditionary Brigade, Afghanistan.

Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class John D. House

28, of Ventura, Calif., died Jan. 26, 2005, in the helicopter crash near Ar Rutbah, Iraq. Doc House was permanently assigned to Naval Medical Clinic Hawaii, Marine Corps Units Detachment, Pearl Harbor.

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